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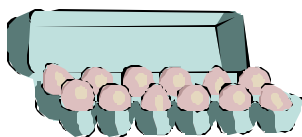
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In California, prices were unchanged on jumbos, but lower on the balance. In the Eastern region, prices were unchanged to lower on all sizes. In the Midwest, prices were slightly higher on the larger sizes, and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was about steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand ranged light to moderate, instances fairly good for planned feature activity. Supplies were adequate to available on the larger sizes, generally adequate to instances close on mediums. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand, with most additional interest centering around regularly committed product. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the unaggressive demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 4 cents lower on all sizes; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower on the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums when based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were 2 cents higher for jumbos and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. The market tone was mixed. Demand was light to occasionally good and best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to available on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the unaggressive demand.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed. Demand ranged light to at times good and best where retail items were featured. Supplies were adequate to available on all sizes.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were slightly higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium and small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were not changed. The trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good, best into planned and ongoing feature activity. Food service movement was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the larger sizes and mixed for mediums and smalls, mostly adequate to instances close. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate offerings. Breakers were working from existing inventories and company owned production and were not interested in much extra product. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to about steady.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were lower on the extra large and large sizes, unchanged on mediums. In Florida, prices were lower on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand was fair to moderate entering the week, instances good where planned promotional activity was a factor. Supplies of large eggs were adequate to available, and mediums were usually adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending July 7, 2000, was 56.38 cents, 6.89 cents less than the week before, and 13.71 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light demand, with most dealers cautiously assessing market developments. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the unaggressive demand.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents lower on extra large, large, and medium. The Pacific region inventory was 6% lower than last Monday with California down 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 2%. Retailer demand fair.

PRICES TO RETAILERS. PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| NORTHEAST CITIES | | | |
| Boston (Brown) | 92-94 | 84-86 | 57-59 |
| New York | 60-62 | 57-60 | 41-44 |
| Philadelphia | 58-60 | 56-58 | 40-41 |
| SOUTHERN CITIES | | | |
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 50-51 | 48.5-50 | 32-33 |
| Jackson (1) | 60-61 | 57-58 | 41-42 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 57-69 | 53-67 | 40-54 |
| MIDWEST CITIES | | | |
| Chicago | 47-52 | 46-51 | 32-37 |
| Detroit (2) | 44-47 | 43-46 | 28-31 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 45-51 | 44-49 | 29-35 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 48-55 | 46-53 | 32-39 |
| WESTERN CITIES | | | |
| Houston (1) | 65-67 | 60-62 | 48-50 |
| California(Grade AA)(1)(3) | 83 | 74 | 58 |

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents lower on extra large, large, medium, and small. The California inventory was 10% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand fair. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 38. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 78-79. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| RANGE | |
|--|---------|
| JUMBO | 104 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 83 |
| LARGE | 74 |
| MEDIUM | 58 |
| PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN. | |
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | |
| NORTHERN CALIFORNIA | |
| RANGE | |
| JUMBO | 229-289 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 219-279 |
| LARGE | 199-209 |
| MEDIUM | 187-199 |

| RANGE | |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 235-259 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 209-239 |
| LARGE | 189-209 |
| MEDIUM | 149-179 |

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 14, 2000 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 07, 2000 were 302,128 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 266,097 | 36,031 | 302,128 |

% change from the prior week..... -2 +1 -1
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Most breakers were evaluating current needs and working from regular commitments. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady to about steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| NEST RUN | 26-29 | 27-28 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 12-15 | |

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JUL-00

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 4-12.75 | 6-9 | 7.97 |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was slow and unaggressive for increased offerings of heavy hens. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. The market tone was at best barely steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JUL-00

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 3.25-14 | 3.25-8.25 | 6.73 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM July 10,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | NO | SO | SO | 5-Area | |
|----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------------|
| | Northeast | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 5.5 | 12.8 | 4.2 | 9.8 | 10.5 42.8 |
| | Change | 1.4 | -0.3 | -1.5 | -1.7 | 0.0 -5% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 23.9 | 43.9 | 11.1 | 27.0 | 20.8 126.7 |
| | Change | 5.2 | -4.8 | -1.7 | -2.3 | -1.1 -4% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 33.9 | 93.8 | 47.8 | 68.1 | 87.1 330.7 |
| | Change | 0.9 | -9.6 | -3.3 | 2.7 | -11.6 -6% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 10.6 | 24.6 | 15.3 | 19.3 | 23.7 93.5 |
| | Change | -1.9 | 3.2 | -4.3 | -1.9 | -1.6 -7% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 3.6 | 10.4 | 2.2 | 6.6 | 3.9 26.7 |
| | Change | -0.6 | 2.2 | -1.1 | 0.6 | 0.5 6% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 5.6 | 16.9 | 7.4 | 15.0 | 8.1 53.0 |
| | Change | 1.1 | 2.3 | -0.6 | 2.7 | 1.1 14% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 26.7 | 56.4 | 18.2 | 36.1 | 33.9 171.3 |
| | Change | 7.2 | 9.2 | 2.3 | 15.1 | 1.3 26% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 109.8 | 258.8 | 106.2 | 181.9 | 188.0 844.7 |
| Percent | Change | 14% | 1% | -9% | 9% | -6% 1% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
|-------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|-----|-----|
| Shell Egg | 844.7 | 1% | 170 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 463.7 | 16% | 39 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1308.4 | 6% | 209 |

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2000

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 165 | 161.9 | 152.9 | 109.9 |

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JUNE 26, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 129 | 129 | 119 | 77 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 07, 2000

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | TOTAL LOADS | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|---------|-------|-------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 17.25 | | | | | | | 12.50 | | | 29.75 | | | | | |
| SE | | NE | | MW | | LOADS | SC | | NW | | SW | | LOADS | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | |
| GNR W 1 | 33.00 | — | 34.50 | 36.00 | — | — | 2.00 | GL W XL | 32.00 | 34.25 | — | — | 36.50 | 39.70 | 4.50 |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4.00 | GL W LG | — | — | — | — | 35.50 | 39.50 | 6.00 |
| GL W XL | — | — | — | 42.00 | 38.00 | — | 2.00 | GL W MD | 23.00 | — | — | 31.00 | 27.50 | 29.50 | 2.25 |
| GL W LG | — | — | 36.00 | 38.00 | — | — | 4.50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W MD | 19.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 2.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | — | — | 20.00 | 21.50 | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | 25.00 | 27.00 | 4.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | 18.00 | 20.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/01/00-07/07/00

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | TOTAL LOADS | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|---------|-------|-------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 72.75 | | | | | | | 67.25 | | | 140.00 | | | | | |
| SE | | NE | | MW | | LOADS | SC | | NW | | SW | | LOADS | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | |
| GNR W 1 | 33.33 | — | 35.38 | 36.78 | — | — | 21.00 | GNR W 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GNR W 2 | — | 31.00 | — | — | 28.36 | 30.93 | 20.00 | GL W XL | 32.04 | 34.45 | — | — | 36.13 | 39.85 | 7.75 |
| GNR W 3 | — | — | 24.00 | 25.00 | 21.00 | 24.00 | 4.00 | GL W LG | 31.86 | 33.29 | — | — | 35.25 | 39.25 | 8.25 |
| GNR W 4 | — | — | 14.00 | 16.00 | — | — | 1.00 | GL W MD | 23.00 | — | — | 31.00 | 26.50 | 29.41 | 3.75 |
| GNR BR 1 | — | — | 41.50 | 43.00 | — | — | 3.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W XL | — | — | — | 42.65 | 38.50 | 34.00 | 16.75 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W LG | — | 38.00 | 35.00 | 38.67 | — | — | 12.75 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W MD | 19.00 | 22.00 | 21.86 | 23.11 | 23.00 | 25.00 | 18.25 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | — | — | 20.75 | 22.75 | — | — | 4.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | 30.00 | 32.00 | — | — | 24.83 | 27.10 | 19.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | 18.00 | 20.00 | — | — | 23.00 | 24.50 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 36 | — | — | 10.00 | 11.00 | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 06/25/00 - 07/01/00

| Origin State | AR | CA | CO | IL | IA | MN | MO | OH | OR | SD | TX | UT | WI | TOTAL |
|----------------------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-----|--------|
| N. CA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,139 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,700 | 0 | 0 | 1,743 | 741 | 7,323 |
| C. CA | 0 | 700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 850 |
| S. CA | 800 | 608 | 1,670 | 865 | 5,744 | 8,852 | 1,380 | 1,660 | 0 | 800 | 3,121 | 4,018 | 85 | 29,603 |
| TTL STATE | 800 | 1,308 | 1,670 | 865 | 8,883 | 8,852 | 1,380 | 1,660 | 1,850 | 800 | 3,121 | 5,761 | 826 | 37,776 |
| SHIPPED TO MILITARY: | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|--------------|
| JUMBO | 119-122 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 73-76 |
| LARGE | 65-68 |
| MEDIUM | 38-41 |
| SMALL | 15-18 |

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|--------------|
| JUMBO | 52-55 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 43-49 |
| LARGE | 41-46 |
| MEDIUM | 26-31 |
| SMALL | 22-26 |

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|--------|--------------|
| LARGE | 27-29 |
| MEDIUM | 14-16 |
| SMALL | 12-14 |

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | MOSTLY |
|--------|---------------|
| LARGE | 67.69 |
| MEDIUM | 50.71 |
| SMALL | 41.35 |

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

| ON HAND | <u>07/04/00</u> | <u>06/26/00</u> | <u>07/06/99</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 627 | 470 | 182 |
| LOS ANGELES | 546 | 377 | 168 |

NOTICE

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS
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